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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS ARTICLE ON CHINA

1. "RUDE PRAVO" FEBRUARY 15 CARRIES ARTICLE BY ZDENEK HORENI SUPPOSEDLY IN REPLY TO "READER J.V." WHO WANTED MORE DETAILS ABOUT DEATH OF LIN PIAO. ARTICLE DERIDES OFFICIAL CHINESE VERSION OF EVENTS, SAYING FOREIGN OBSERVERS TEND TO AGREE THAT LIN DID NOT DIE IN PLANE CRASH BUT WAS KILLED BY RIVALS. ARTICLE SAYS THAT LIN, WHO HAD TOLD ALBANIAN DELEGATION CONFIDENTIALLY IN 1965 THAT "THEY SAY MAO RAISES ONE GROUP AND CRUSHES THE OTHER", THUS EXPERIENCED PERSONALLY THE EFFECT OF MAO'S TACTICS.

2. ARTICLE, NOTING SIGNS THAT NEW "CULTURAL REVOLUTION" IS ON WAY, CONCLUDES THAT ALTHOUGH MAO LET "JUNIORS" SUPERVISE EVERYDAY POLITICAL AFFAIRS, HE STILL ACTIVELY CONTROLS POLITICAL LINE AND PITS ONE GROUP OR FACTION AGAINST ANOTHER WHEN HE FEELS HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE IN JEOPARDY. MAOISM, SAYS ARTICLE, CAN OFFER CHINA ONLY LASTING INSTABILITY.

3. INCIDENTALLY, ARTICLE AFTER QUOTING CHOU EN-LAI'S NEGATIVE MENTION OF "PEOPLE LIKE WANG MING, KIU SHAO-CHI, PCHENG TE-CHUAI AND KAO KANG", GIVES POSITIVE CAPSULE DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE

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